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REMARKS

Claims 5-39 are pending in the application, with claims 5, 10, 13, 18, 23, 29 and 34 being independent. The independent claims have been amended.

In response to the rejection under section 112, second paragraph, claim 23 has been amended to recite "a corrected potential" and claim 34 has been amended to recite "said corrected signal". In view of these amendments, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-26, 28-31, 33-37 and 39 have been rejected as being obvious over Kim in view of Stewart.

Claim 5 recites a display system that is illustrated, for example, in Fig. 1 of the application. The display system includes a light-emitting device having pixels, each of which includes an EL element. The device also includes a sensor for obtaining an information signal, a CPU for converting an electrical signal supplied from the sensor into a correction signal, and a voltage changer for controlling a corrected potential based on the correction signal. The voltage changer is electrically connected to the EL element of each of the pixels by a switch. In addition, claim 5 has been amended to recite that the switch is turned off during an addressing period and is turned on during a sustaining period. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, at page 14, lines 11-12, of the application.

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5 and its dependent claims because neither Kim, Stewart, nor any combination of the two describes or suggests a switch that is turned off during an addressing period and is turned on during a sustaining period. In making the rejection, the Examiner indicates that the AC source 120 of Stewart, which the Examiner equates to the voltage changer of claim 5, would necessarily include a switch since Stewart states that the voltage of the AC source may be varied in amplitude. Even assuming for sake of argument that this conclusion is correct, nothing in Stewart describes or suggests a switch that is turned off during an addressing period and is turned on during a sustaining period. For at least this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

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Like claim 5, each if independent claims 10, 13, 18, 23, 29 and 34 has been amended to recite a switch that is turned off during an addressing period and is turned on during a sustaining period. Accordingly, for at least this reason, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims and their dependent claims.

Claims 6, 11, 16, 21, 27, 32 and 38 have been rejected as being obvious over Kim in view of Stewart and Poulton. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Poulton does not remedy the failure of Kim and Stewart to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

Enclosed is a \$1,190 check including \$420 for the Petition for Extension of Time fee and \$770 for the Request for Continued Examination Fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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